

VIC. JUNIORS TWO TITLES

Victoria's juniors received nation-wide acclaim last week when the State under 16s won the Australian youth championships in Adelaide and the under 14s the Interstate Bicentenary competition in Sydney.

Man of the moment is coach Zvonimir Rasic who moulded the under 16s into a disciplined fighting machine.

Rasic has become Australia's soccer magician - everything he touches turns to gold.

His rapid rise to the top was recently capped by his appointment as national coach.

Rasic said this week, "Our win in Adelaide was one of the happiest moments of my coaching career."

"After the final against NSW half of our boys were crying with joy and when Joe Palinkas scored the winning goal, all his teammates, as well as hundreds of other boys, raced over to congratulate him."

"I can't remember any competition during which there has been such atmosphere."

Gordon Culbard, assistant manager to John Barclay, said:

"Our boys were really fabulous. Under Rasic they were transformed from nothing into a refined, tactical team, all within three months."

"I've never witnessed such enthusiasm and such fellowship."

Under 14's coach Bill Curran and manager Peter Palmer were also full of praise for their team, of which seven boys were chosen for an Australian under 14 squad.

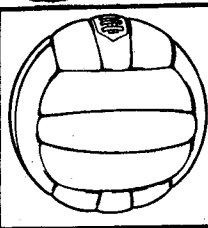
The boys are Alan Williams, Michael Tsvaglou, Bruce Roberts, Claude Lucchesi, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Mike Ristovski and Steve Pongho.

Palmer paid tribute to the players' parents, who with assistance from the clubs, financed the squad's trip.

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England may bring Ramsay

England's national team manager Sir Alf Ramsay may accompany the Football Association's representative team on its tour of Australia next year.

If Sir Alf does come, it will mean a classier touring team because it is likely Sir Alf will use the tour to assess players for the European Nations Cup.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre said this week a visit by Sir Alf was "quite possible".

Yet with or without him, the England team is sure to contain a number of big names.

"After my discussions in the U.K. I am sure the team will be no disappointment," said Mr. le Fevre, "but it is impossible to say before at

least December, who the players will be."

Mr. le Fevre added there were "high hopes" that the F.A. chairman, Dr. A. Stephen and the secretary, Dennis Follows, would also make the trip.

The tour is being brought forward one week at the request of the F.A.

The England team will arrive about May 12.

It will play two games against Australia - one in Melbourne, the other in Sydney, - and will also meet Victoria, NSW,

South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, Northern NSW and Queensland.

The FA has asked the ASF to include in the itinerary as many coaching clinics and lectures as possible.

England's professional team visited Australia in 1925 and 1951, winning all 10 games with a goal average of 58 for and seven against.

England's biggest win was 17-0 in Sydney in 1951 and Australia's best effort was 1-2 in Sydney in 1925.



GTV9's Jimmy Hannan right, watches play intently during Sunday's South Melbourne v. George Cross match. Jim Barker of Soccer News (left) shared the commentary with Alex Barr (centre).

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Willmer answers Keilor charges

Victorian Soccer Federation secretary Len Willmer this week answered criticism by Keilor City secretary Bob Smolinski of a Tribunal decision to suspend Keilor's reserve team for two matches.

Mr. Smolinski's statement was printed in Soccer News last week.

Mr. Willmer said: "While not wishing to place any official decisions beyond criticism, it seems a pity that a considerable amount of space devoted to a club's complaints should include remarks of a derogatory if not libellous nature."

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Jackpot winner

Mr. R. Saltalamacchia of Westgarth has for the second time won the Mocopan tipping contest.

Mr. Saltalamacchia was eligible for only \$100 because he did not enclose a Mocopan label.

The jackpot is now \$100 and competition details are on the back page.



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Metropolitan round-up with George Yelland

OLD SUBURBS ON DANDENONG

Metropolitan soccer has provided a wonderful season's competition with final honors still unresolved.

First, second and third divisions are real cliff hangers and even the fourth division champion is still undetermined.

In First Division, either Box Hill, Preston Makedonia, Elwood Austria, Sunshine City or Dandenong City could win place in 1971 State League.

Box Hill are still favourites but Dandenong closed the gap last Saturday.

Two games in hand, they are now only four points behind.

At the other end, Richmond will be relegated. St. Albans could accompany them - but it could be Prahran or Ringwood United.

Even Springvale, Kellor City and Altona are not 100 per cent safe.

Yallourn became undisputed champions of Division Two when they defeated Sandringham but the team to accompany them could be Coburg, Green Gully Ajax, Frankston City or Albion Rovers.

Oakleigh Athena will drop into Division Three.

Maribyrnong Triestina and Brighton are fighting desperately to avoid accompanying them.

They meet on Saturday week in what should be a dramatic decider.

Ferntree Gully, Mooroolbark and Western Suburbs have still not ascended to Division Two from Division Three.

Ferntree Gully are three points clear at the top but the other two each have three games in hand.

Clayton will drop back into Division Four and Bayswater are favourites to join them but it could be East Melbourne

Helvetic, Croydon, Park Rangers or even Ballarat.

Corio was held to a draw by Broadmeadows Olympic.

North Carlton Olympic slipped into the lead in Division Four when they crushed Mornington.

Olympic and Corio are certain of promotion, but who will be champions?

Luckless Rosebud are wooden spoonists once again and Moorabbin appear likely to finish in second bottom position.

For dramatic and exciting matches on Saturday, the following should be top.

All have a bearing on promotion or relegation!

Preston Makedonia v. Box Hill, Prahran City v. Dandenong City, Springvale v. Elwood Austria, Ringwood United v. St. Albans, Frankston City v. Oakleigh Athena, Maribyrnong Triestina v. Coburg United, Altona Rovers v. Brighton, Green Gully Ajax v. Yallourn, Croydon v. E. M. Helvetic, Gully v. Park Rangers, Western Suburbs v. Mooroolbark, Monash University v. Carlton Olympic, Corio v. Rosebud.

Dandenong decisively defeated Springvale with a relentless display of power soccer at the Showground last Saturday.

They took the lead in ten minutes when Mike Hall and Peter Lowen worked their way close in for Hall to score.

Fourteen minutes later a well taken free-kick by Bob Parker was headed home by brother David.

Three minutes before half-time, Dandenong lost captain coach Ken Fletcher with a nasty head gash.

He and a defender clashed heads in an aerial duel.

Johnny Jarokovic was his replacement. A minute before half-time, Brian Holcombe darted down the left wing and let loose a power drive which McLachlan touched but could not stop.

To their credit Springvale did not lay down.

They fought hard in the second half but could not penetrate a compact defence.

With a minute to go, Peter Lowen scored his usual goal from a pass by Holcombe.

Once again, Jimmy Miller was the dynamo which spurred Dandenong to victory.

Dave Parker and Mike Hall also gave outstanding service.

For Springvale, only Stuart McLachlan in goal. Billy Williams lived up to standard, giving ninety minutes of whole hearted effort.

Sunshine City crushed Ringwood in a remarkable game last weekend.

Both sides had plenty of scoring chances. In fact, Ringwood probably had most but it was one of those games when every time a Sunshine player shot for goal, it went in whilst Ringwood's attack was off target.

Bobby Pocock started the avalanche in 20 minutes when he accepted a pass from Kari Pietrowski, ran for 30 yards and steered the ball into the net in typical fashion.

Five minutes later, Wally Mielak fastened on to a poor clearance to make it 3-0.

Ringwood's centre half moved up to reduce the arrears, following a corner kick but Micky Banagan took a pass from Pocock, beat three men and slammed home a beauty to put Sunshine 3-1 up at the interval.

Pocock and Banagan each completed hat-tricks in the second half to give Sunshine their biggest win of the season.

Micky Banagan, Bobby Pocock, Kari Pietrowski and Butch Kokoka were outstanding in the far top corner of the net.

Eleven minutes later, Roy Ainsworth centred from the left wing.

Szabo dummied beautifully and left Linton Planner a simple chance to make it 2-0.

On the half hour, Peter Romy put the ball through for Ainsworth to score a gem from an acute angle.

With a quarter of an hour to go, Planner shot hard from a right wing cross, the ball rebounded from the goalkeeper, Planner followed up to make it 4-0.

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Twenty minutes of hard end and soccer followed before Albion equalised.

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The wind carried it over the defence and into the top of the net.

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This apart, the game was scrappy and not particularly attractive to watch.

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Hans Schnepf was their star. Kellor's was a solid rather than spectacular team effort.

Yallourn made sure of top second division honors when they comfortably defeated Sandringham.

Johnny Szabo opened their account in seven minutes with a lobbed shot from the wing, into the far top corner of the net.

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deliberately kicking Ian Donaldson.

Colin Waller put Waverley on level terms at the interval with a cracking drive which the goalkeeper touched but could not hold.

A free kick by Billy Hicks gave Waverley his second goal soon after the interval, but Hercules fought back well playing good soccer.

A mis-kick by Keith Haberle let them in for the equaliser.

Fifteen minutes from time, Billy Hicks shot Waverley into the lead again with what proved to be the winning goal.

A nasty incident in which a Hercules player is alleged to have run across field and punched Ian Chalmers in the stomach, occurred behind the referee's back.

Chalmers was carried off and it is understood the referee would report the fact.

Ted Goo, Billy Hicks and Ian Donaldson were best for Waverley who fought well to carry the day.

Brighton put up a great performance against Green Gully Ajax.

Only an unfortunate own goal, five minutes from time, robbed them of the victory they richly deserved.

Ajax had the edge in the first half but Brighton's famous defence gave nothing away.

Brighton took the lead twenty minutes after the interval when David Breslin beat four men and scored from a screamer from 40 yards, which the goalkeeper never saw.

Brighton fought on grimly and when victory was in sight, tragedy struck.

Young Nicky Starzowski, seventeen years old left winger from Frankston, also played well.

Gordon Hay and David Breslin gave Brighton plenty of drive.

Henk Denhartog raced down the right wing to cross a low ball on the eighteen yards line. Gully failed to clear and as it rolled loose, Roger Blich hammered it into the net from 20 yards.

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A 25 yards drive by Noel Richards gave them a 2-0 half-time lead.

It was Helvetic's turn after half-time. They quickly pulled one back and later equalised with a 40 yards free kick.

In the final moments, a shot was put the goal and going into the net when a defender dived and stopped the ball with his hands.

The missed penalty cost Clayton a point and finally consigned them to Fourth Division next year.

Croydon, showing some of their early season's form, were value for their win over top side Western Suburbs.

Straight into attack, Croydon took a shock lead in five minutes when John Luyten collected the ball on the left.

His well judged, oblique shot flashed just inside the far post.

Western suburbs fought back but Jim Talford, at centre half, organised his defence so well that Western Suburbs could make no impression.

At the 67th minute, Western Suburbs equalised. Martin Koenen saved a hot shot but could not hold it. A forward followed up to score from close range.

Equality was short lived.

Two minutes later, the Suburbs keeper saved a hard drive and a defender hooked the ball away for Doug Salt to collect and crack it into the net.

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Another soccer casualty is Gunther Pristan of Bayswater who is in St. Vincent's Hospital recovering from a nasty accident.

This boy has only been in Australia for six months and is completely on his own.

The Bayswater boys send cheerio and wish him a speedy recovery.

Gunther would be happy to see or hear from other soccer people.

He is in St. Josephs Ward, first floor and visiting hours are 6.30 pm to 7.30 p.m.

Luck seems to have deserted Bayswater in their fight to avoid relegation.

Three players played in the senior game after playing half a game with the reserves.

Bayswater pressed early and forced several corners.

Rudi Oosting and Eric Bell were prominent in many Bayswater attacks.

Heidelberg had Peter Gorman and Ronnie McMichael back which allowed Jimmy Dale to revert to his old roving commission.

Turning round with a blank score sheet, Heidelberg turned on the heat.

Dale jumped over the ball which went on for Ian Calo to open Heidelberg's account.

Four minutes later, Peter Gorman put Dale through to score his side's second.

In the next minute, David Brett headed the ball into the goal.

Oosting's penalty kick was saved by Ray Scarce but he had moved too soon.

The kick was retaken by Barney Jensen who shot yards wide.

A few minutes later, Jensen made amends by shooting home through a crowded goalmouth.

Donald Clark on Heidelberg's left wing scored a beauty to seal the game.

Garry Reid, Peter Gorman, Jimmy Dale, Gunther Mandet and goalkeeper Ray Scarce were best of a sound Heidelberg combination.

Last year's secretary, Norman McKinley, has arrived back from Brisbane. He played in the reserves and gave a good account of himself.

Shock of the season appeared possible when Rosebud led South Yarra 2-1 at half-time.

Ken Moore opened the scoring for South Yarra and Jeff Barry missed a penalty. Rosebud came back to score twice and turned round a goal.

They had had their moment of glory and were swamped in the second half.

Ken Moore completed his hat trick. Jeff Barry scored twice. Bobby Goldie twice and Dave Matthews once.

Goldie and Matthews are reserve players promoted last week to the firsts. Both did very well.

Broadmeadows put up a great show in holding Corio to a two all draw.

It was a great game with the ball travelling end to end in great style. After only five minutes, Albie McCormick brought the ball forward, passed to Richard Dziedzic who, in turn, transferred to the unmarked Bobby Oultram.

The winger cut inside to score a well designed goal.

A high ball from the wing floated over goalkeeper, George Peterson, to an unmarked Corio forward who lobbed in the equaliser.

In the second half, Broadmeadows went ahead again when McCormick beat two men before teeing the ball to Jeff Menlove to score easily. Corio fought back to level once more.

Ronnie Alderson, Richard Dziedzic and Bobby Oultram starred for Broadmeadows.

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He's still the King of soccer but after 11 years.....

MICIC FEELS THE STRAIN

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Boasting a record number of Victorian appearances, six games for Australia, 10 years with Footscray J.U.S.T., one season with South Melbourne Hellas and two Argus Medals, Frank Micic is the undisputed king of Melbourne soccer.

Victorian Soccer Federation officials have been talking about honoring this champion and no-one deserves recognition more than Frank Micic, to whom soccer is a way of life.

And when Micic retires - which won't be for a few years yet - he must not be allowed to fade away.

His experience, knowledge, common sense and way with people would be invaluable at the top level of soccer administration. For 10 years, Micic has been ranked amongst the most dynamic linkmen in Victorian soccer.

He has starred even in the company of such greats as Vic Janczyk, Mike Jurecki, Tommy Stankovic, Freddy Falzon and Leo Baumgartner.

And throughout his career he has been the fairest player in Victoria. Only once has he been sent off. It was during his first match for South Melbourne Hellas, after a clash with John Sanchez. Micic was found guilty, and reprimanded but to this day he still doesn't know why.

HIS sportsmanlike attitude is one of the reasons why he is not Footscray's captain. "If you're captain you're expected to complain to the referee every time there's a disputed decision and that's something I wouldn't do," he says.

Micic, who lives in Beaumaris with his Australian wife June, his three-year-old daughter Tania and six-months-old son Dean, will turn 30 in November.

Because of his experience he feels more responsibility to his team than he ever has.

And no wonder, every time he plays well, Footscray wins and when he doesn't, it loses.

"I still feel very fit," he says, "but at my age you can't race around like mad during the entire game and you can't be as consistent as you'd like to be."

"Probably, if I played for myself instead of for my team, I could look much better."

"I'd like to see J.U.S.T. with a really good team then I could worry about just being a player and perhaps find a fixed

position somewhere in defence."

"In the past I never worried about who we were going to play. Now I do and I always worry about whether the team will produce its best."

"I haven't lost much speed but I have lost some of my energy. I'm still chasing the ball everywhere it goes but I'm not doing it as well and I'm finding it harder. I've never worried me in the past but when I caught it a couple of weeks ago, it really affected my game."

Micic's feeling of responsibility is a natural one for he is still the team's general and after 11 years he has developed a fierce pride in the colors he wears.

His association with Footscray dates back to 1959 when, at the age of 18, he migrated to Australia from Italy.

Actually he was born in Yugoslavia, where he played as a junior for Zadar on the Adriatic coast.

At the age of 16 he moved to Italy, where he continued his career in junior ranks, playing on the right wing.

Micic learned the basics of the game himself, while kicking the ball around with friends but his personal style was developed in Australia.

Micic probably has never realised his full potential as a footballer, simply because he learned mainly from undistinguished coaches.

National coach Zvonimir Rasic, who last year steered Footscray to the championship, recently said of him:

"If Micic had started under a top coach, he would be one of the top linkmen in soccer - another Beckenbauer."

It took Micic about a month to make an impression at J.U.S.T.

His first game was in the reserves against Geelong and the following week he scored three goals as centre forward against Box Hill.

That gave him a place in the seniors, who were thrashed 4-1 by Juventus and who promptly dropped Micic back into the reserves.

Two matches later he was back for a Dockerty Cup match against Juventus and he scored

the goal that gave J.U.S.T. a draw, and himself a regular place in the first team.

Micic was now living and eating soccer and his dedication gave him a place in the Victorian squad early in 1960.

But it wasn't until the following year that he reached the final team, for a game against Queensland, which Victoria won 2-1.

Since then Micic has represented the State a record 45 times.

In his first 10 games for Victoria, Micic lined up as centre half, with Janczyk and Tony Vella as wing halves.

Falzon and Mantarakis were the full backs and de Bruyckere, Jurecki, Beerendonk, van Alphen and Hodgson the forwards.

For many years Micic was the youngest in the State side.

The second youngest was van Alphen, who was six years older.

"My best game for Victoria was against Roma," Micic says.

"I scored to put us in front and we looked like winning until Roma rattled on three in the last 20 minutes to win 4-2."

In 1963 Micic was a key man in the classic State team Victoria has produced.

The line-up was - Putkowski, Rasic, Falzon, Janczyk, van Alphen, Micic, Campbell, Zientars, Jurecki, Jankowski and Stankovic.

Australian representative Pearson and Footscray star Mladenovic sat on the bench, so good was the team.

With talent like that, Victoria beat Western Australia 8-0, Newcastle 8-0, Tasmania 7-0, Swiss team Basle 3-2 and visiting German side Preussen Muenster 2-1.

"JANKOWSKI was my favorite player for a long time," remembers Micic, "and Jurecki was the most dangerous forward I've seen in Victoria. I was often opposed to him during club games and no player has given me more trouble."

Micic's reputation spread rapidly and in 1964 he was chosen to represent Australia. The squad was split into two teams to play trial matches against Sydney club sides.

Micic started in the B team, finished the game and then carried on in the A team after Les Scheinflug was injured. It typified Micic's boundless energy, and it

gave him a place in the side that lost 1-5 to Everton that year.

"Everton was the most determined and most powerful team that has ever visited Australia," says Micic.

During Australia's successful Asian tour of 1967, Micic was picked as vice-captain.

But the tour marked the end of his international career.

"It was very muddy in Saigon," he recalls, "and I tried to play too nicely, which was impossible in ankle-deep water."

"So I was replaced by Manfred Schaefer and he is still in the team."

"I didn't mind too much, although of course I would like to have continued playing. But Australia was doing well and that was the main thing."

During his unmatched career in Victorian soccer, Micic has twice won the Argus Medal - in 1964 and 1967.

In 1960 he came second to Janczyk and on two other occasions, he finished third.

In other years he has always been among the top 10.

YET the honors haven't gone to his head.

"I always try to play fairly and as well as I can and I never really think about the awards," he says.

Why hasn't Footscray done as well this year, after winning the 1969 championships?

"We've always had trouble in our team," says Micic, "players have always been arguing - it's their temperament."

"Last year, Rasic had full control, even when there was trouble."

"As soon as a problem arose, he'd solve it but this year there's been no one who can do this."

"Under Brodie we were playing some good soccer but now he's gone we're slipping again."

"I hope that next year we get one or two hard-working players who really enjoy playing soccer and who are willing to give everything for their club. Then we'll get somewhere."

"Also the club must, once and for all, make the players live and play properly."

During the past 11 years, Micic has seen a significant change in the style of soccer.

"All over the world, soccer has become more physical," he says.

"When I started, you

had to be very skilful with the ball, now it's a matter of who can hit harder and who can run faster."

"TODAY you have to beat a man with your body as well as with the ball."

"This has taken much of the skill out of the game and has made it less attractive for spectators."

"Referees used to give the player much more protection. The game has become much rougher."

Micic is in favour of increasing the number of State League teams to 12, and then suspending promotion and relegation for at least two years.

"That's the only way we'll improve the standard of soccer here," he says.

"It would give juniors a chance of making the big time and would mean that clubs need no longer import players to avoid relegation."

"I've seen hundreds of juniors at J.U.S.T. and most of them disappear because when they can't make the grade, they turn to one of the many other activities open to youngsters."

"I realise that most soccer supporters are Europeans who want to see European players."

"To make them happy, more tours by overseas clubs should be arranged."

"I think that at least one Italian club should be invited every year. This would be a sure money-maker."

"Back in the Association days we used to have only one game each Sunday and that game used to be selected only a week in advance."

"It was a great success. There used to be between 15,000 and 20,000 people at the ground each Sunday."

"At the moment we have too many Sunday games."

Apart from his many other attributes, Micic is also a successful goalscorer, notching an average of six or seven each season.

His best goalscoring season was with South Melbourne Hellas in 1968, when he scored 10, to become Hellas' top marksman.

Why did Micic, basically a one-club man, decide to switch after nine years with Footscray?

"The club wasn't being run properly in 1968. There was trouble between players and committeemen and I knew what was going to happen. The club was buying rejects from other State League clubs and at the

Micic is brought down by an Alexander defender during the king's 1968 season with South Melbourne Hellas.



end of the season it narrowly missed relegation. "After a bit of wrangling, J.U.S.T. finally let me go and Hellas paid \$8000."

"Hellas was very good to me in all respects but I had promised Tony Kovacs that I'd return when he became president, so I kept my promise the following year and J.U.S.T. paid \$7000 to get me back."

Looking back over the years, Micic named J.U.S.T. of 1963, Polonia of 1962 and Juventus of 1970 as the best teams he's seen in Victoria.

"Juventus plays a different style of course," he says.

"They're much tougher and faster and they're good because they have good linkmen who can play for 90 minutes."

"They've also got 15 players almost all of whom are of the same class. Tommy McColi is one of Australia's best

players on his day yet he's not getting regular games. It shows you how high Juventus' standard is."

On star players, Micic says:

"I respect Johnny Warren. He's not as skilful as some but he's the best clubman I've ever met. I'd place him in Janczyk's class but Warren's a better leader."

"Jurecki was my toughest opponent and Baumgartner as well as goalkeeper Lord were real champions."

"I also have great respect for George Kinnell and John O'Neill - they're real professionals."

"And there's Tommy Stankovic, who made a comeback last week at the age of 40. He's got real class and he's better than most of the young players around today."

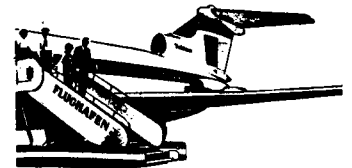


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Ringwood City striker Wim Spiekermann talks about Victorian soccer, the fortunes of his club and his own form . . .

STATE LEAGUE A JOKE

During my two years in Australia only two or three State League clubs have shown improvement. The League as a whole is standing still.

Juventus is clearly better, so is Footscray and maybe Melbourne but in each and every case this higher standard stems from the arrival of new players from overseas.

This I see as the tragedy of the game in Melbourne. This type of improvement is no good for Soccer, it's an illusion. We have to improve the game by bringing up our own juniors otherwise there is no future.

My club has done a lot for juniors, but we must not be complacent; we have to do even more.

For example, I believe we should develop an

under 18 side to act as a bridge between junior and senior soccer, a stepping stone to the State League.

A youngster develops most between the ages of 17 and 18 and if we have a junior team catering for that age group we will make that critical step just a little easier.

Not all boys are the same, physically or mentally and certainly most find the present gap in standard too big and can't make the move from under 16 to a State League reserve side in one jump.

More would make it if we built that bridge.

We have tried hard to make the four this year, even now it's tough and go and we are still going to keep on trying.

Ringwood plays pretty well as a team, we don't have any stars of the calibre of George Kinnell, but we do have a sound defence, and the League's best goalkeeper in Nick van Egmond.

Dave Pygall also is one of the best linkmen, but we fall down up forward, although when you look at the number of goals we have scored, it's not that bad.

A lot of people say I'm not as good as last year. Certainly I have not scored as many goals, mainly because I've found it harder. I'm a marked man this season; they watch me more closely. Also I'm not as fit as last season, maybe because the tough physical training we have done has taken it out of me.

Personally I've always believed that ball control training is far more important than sheer physical exercise.

I don't have any "miracle" plan for soccer, but I am opposed to eliminating relegation, it must still be possible to increase the size of the State League without

cutting out relegation.

A bigger League will make for a stronger competition, a more interesting competition, with more variety.

As it stands the title State League is a joke. With seven of the clubs playing on just two city grounds it might better be re-named the Middle and Olympic Park League - certainly not State League.

Soccer in Sydney seems much better. Not only is the standard higher, but the organisation is better. Junior soccer is really developing there - you only have to look at the results columns in their Sunday papers to see just how many teams play each weekend.

Frankly I would like to have a crack at soccer in Sydney and would grab the chance if it ever comes.

Mihailovic seeks a club



Milan Mihailovic, (pictured), the controversial linkman who transferred from Footscray J.U.S.T. to Beograd in Adelaide a few weeks ago, is again looking for a new club.

Mihailovic said in Adelaide this week that he had gone to Beograd for only the last two matches, because the club was making a bid for promotion.

As it turned out, Beograd finished second to Elizabeth and will remain in Second Division.

Mihailovic, who last year represented Victoria, is available for a transfer fee of \$2000.

He can be contacted at 94 Tapleys Hill Rd., Royal Park, Adelaide.

YALLOURN ON RADIO

Second Division leader Yallourn has its own radio programme!

Initially, the programme is of 10 minutes duration and is being broadcast at 7 p.m. each Friday from Gipp-land station Warragul 3UL, which can be heard throughout Gippsland and in the Dandenong area.

If the programme is successful, sponsors will be found and the time extended, so the club appeals to all soccer fans to tune in and make it a success.

Cramer is big chief

FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer has been made an honorary chief of the Sioux Indian nation. He received the honour during the USSFA national convention at Providence last month.

Armstrong



John O'Neill

Ringwood 1.
Hakoah 2.

(Fry 10, Spiekermann (R) 48, Cameron 59, Panther 68)

Hakoah turned on a full-blooded display of aggressive soccer and completely out-gunned Ringwood in the second half to run out worthy winners.

Keith Fry sounded the first danger signal when he collected a great pass from Gordon Cameron and, racing away from John Bens, scored with classical ease.

Newcomer Barry Sansom and "Penny" Lane were exploiting some good work by Alan Stenhouse in midfield and giving Bens and Bailey a testing afternoon.

Coming out fresh after the interval, Ringwood swung into attack and soon pulled back the single goal deficit. Lockhurst shot and the ball rebounded off the post to Freddie Bunce who broke right, raced to the goal line and cut back the ball across the face of goal for Wim Spiekermann to steer past Sandy Henderson.

The game, now finely balanced, hung in suspense for 10 great minutes, both sides probing to find a way past the opposing anchor men, John O'Neill of Hakoah and Dick Ward of Ringwood.

Lane broke left and crossed, Panther sprung like a cat and Hakoah were two up. It could have been three, had strong man O'Neill converted a penalty in the closing minutes instead of blazing it way over the bar.

The game had slipped away from Ringwood and their biggest defeat of the season cost them all hopes of a place in the four.

RINGWOOD: van Egmond, Bailey, R. Bens, Pygall, Ward, J. Bens (dft. Taitas, 45), Bunce, Lockhurst, Spiekermann, O'Toole, Villiers.

HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Baker, Stenhouse, O'Neill, Anderson, Sansom (sub. Portwood, 65), Panther, Fry, Cameron, Lane.

VOTES: RINGWOOD: 3 Ward, 2 Spiekermann, 1 Pygall. HAKOAH: 3 O'Neill, 2 Cameron, 1 Lane.

Jim Barker

Juventus 3.
Fitzroy 1.

(Sandison 3, Brown (F) 47, McColl 58, 59)

Two simple goals, in the space of one minute, by Tommy McColl, sealed this game for Juventus.

Fitzroy was fast, enthusiastic and never gave up trying, but at no time looked capable of pulling this one out of the fire.

George Glennie gave 90 minutes of sustained effort. He and Peter Seife kept the Juventus right attacking flank fairly quiet.

Jimmy Mangopoulos, Mike Glykokalamos, Aris Pigouras and Ron Brown were the equals of Ron Frost, Bryan Thomson, Dino De Marchi and Alistair Sandison, but lacking the calculated professional support of Gareth Salisbury, Bernie Docherty, Sandy Irvine and George Kinnell.

But, Juventus showed the old failings of complacency and pathetic finishing. The game should have been in the bag by half-time but Frost, Thomson and De Marchi missed sitters and Docherty hit the post.

Only a goal down at the interval, Fitzroy resumed full of fight.

Within a couple of minutes, Ron Brown, their liveliest attacker, moved into the centre, collected the ball and drove it high into the net unchallenged.

It was unbelievably slack marking by the Juventus defence.

In an effort to live up to their innocuous forward line, Juventus replaced Dino De Marchi with Tommy McColl.

This brought almost immediate results.

McColl was on hand to nod home a brilliant run and centre by Sandison from two yards.

In the next minute he sidefooted another to finish off Thomson's best move of the afternoon.

McColl could hardly have missed either but deserves credit for being in the right place at the right time.

Jack Goodwin, playing as sweeper, was Juventus' best player.

He positioned well, blunted many attacks and, after a couple of sliced clearances, kicked cleanly.

Jack Reilly was cool, calm and competent in goal. Master of his own penalty area, he never put a foot wrong. He had no chance with Brown's first-time effort.

FITZROY: Kennedy, T. Xanthopoulos, Glennie, Racovalis, Kiriatis, Seife, Mangopoulos, Glykokalamos Karapatsos (sub. Tsirigianis, half-time), Pigouras, Brown, Manny Podakakis.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Della Rocca, Kinnell, Goodwin, Irvine, Salisbury, Frost, Docherty, Thomson, De Marchi (sub. McColl, 55) Sandison, Coach Tony Bossi.

GEORGE YELLAND.



Jimmy Armstrong

South Melb 4.
Geo Cross

(Armstrong 34, 73, 74, Clark 36)

Jimmy Armstrong, who had been disappointing since South Melbourne's Ampol Cup win early this year, burst back into form on Sunday with a well-taken hat-trick, bringing his League total to seven.

But the star of the match was Victorian linkman David Gorrie, whose pinpoint passes, from as far away as 40 yards, split open the struggling George Cross defence.

South Melbourne was the more aggressive and physically stronger side and played much better as a team.

Its dominance was particularly noticeable in the air, where players like Steve Walker, John Bedford, David High, Armstrong and Ernie Ackerley had complete control.

George Cross' defence was very shaky, particularly in the middle, where Derek Ricks and John Sanchez were struggling against Armstrong and promising newcomer Tommy Clark.

Sanchez atoned for his shortcomings with some constructive play further upfield.

Kevin Walker turned in another good game for the Cross but he lacked support and much of his attractive midfield work was wasted.

In a late effort to save the game, Cross put Walker in attack, bringing on Horst Friedeberg as a linkman but the only result was a weaker midfield.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Stephens (sub. Augar 78), High, Bedford, Walker, Rutherford, Gorrie, Ackerley, Pyrgolios (in, sub. Daperis 38), Armstrong, Clark, Gould, Coach Vic Janczyk.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Makin, Sanchez, Ricks, McLachlan, Fox, Walker, Pryde, Smart, Constantinidis (sub. Friedeberg 59), Epifano, Coach John Sanchez.

VOTES: SOUTH MELBOURNE: 3 Gorrie, 2 Armstrong, 1 Ackerley.

GEORGE CROSS: 3 Walker, 2 Makin, 1 Sanchez.

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Two challenge Pygall

John O'Neill of Hakoah and Ian McCarthy of Lions have moved to within one point of leader David Pygall in the voting for the Marlboro best player award.

Winner of the award will receive a \$100 cheque and a trophy from Phillip Morris Ltd, which will also award a trophy to the leading goalscorer.

Top marksman at the moment is Slobodan Zorais, who scored two against Polonia on Sunday.

Progress votes:
39 Pygall (R).
29 O'Neill (Hak.), McCarthy (L).
22 Juhanz (M), Olmowski (P).
22 Jones (S).
20 Czupnik (P), Mackay (C).
19 Seife (A), Williams (C), Zanatta (S).
18 Ulesomovic (F), Rosewair (L), Ward (R).
17 Kinnell (J).
16 Goodwin (J), Ackerley (H).

Mangopoulos (A), Stenhouse (Hak.), Cameron (Hak.), McGowan (M), Micic (F), Xanthopoulos (A), Walker (GC).

Goalscorers
13 Zorais (F).
12 Mangopoulos (A), Clarey (Hak).
11 B. Thompson (J), Buljovic (F).
10 Vojtek (C), Rogers (M), McColl (J).
9 Pocock (M), Spiekermann (R).
8 McIntyre (C), Bleekany (M).
7 Kokkios (H), Armstrong (H), Edgley (R).
6 Gorrie (H), Epifano (GC), Widars (P), Micic (F), Smart (GC).

Back in form

Croatia 1.
Slavia 0

(Williams, pen. 65)

Croatia was lucky to win this game. Because of its casual attitude and Slavia's staunch defending, Slavia deserved to win, or at least draw.

Brian Kemplay could have clinched the game for Slavia. He had two sitters but he missed both of them.

Once again it was a Slavia strong in defence and weak in attack.

Croatia never lived up to expectations. It wasn't the same team that beat Juventus 2-0 the previous week.

The closest Croatia came to scoring, penalty aside, was when Billy McIntyre headed onto the crossbar.

Mike O'Hara was steady in Slavia's goal and he capably handled the few shots Croatia had.

Croatia's two aces, Jimmy Mackay, and Billy Vojtek never hit their peak and credit here must go to the Slavia defence.

The penalty was awarded by referee Wooten after Mackay had been brought down by Miro Schleichert.

Brian Williams, best man for Croatia, converted with a hard drive.

The game was a poor spectacle because of Slavia's defensive style and Croatia's lethargy.

For most of the match, Russell Steele was Slavia's only forward, and he did well considering the poor support he had.

If Croatia hopes to retain its place in the top four, it must put more effort into its game no matter what the opposition.

Slavia's outstanding player was centre back Tony Zanatta, who was well supported by Sandy Jones.

Steve Paul did reasonably well between midfield and attack, and when Jim Train replaced Kemplay at half-time, Slavia's midfield became stronger.

CROATIA: Kovacek, Wixey, Gunn, Symington, Williams, McArthur, (sub. Turker, 70), Mackay, McIntyre, Rau, Vojtek, Rahjer, Coach Mike Kiss.

SLAVIA: O'Hara, Shedden, Jones, Zanatta, Lazarevic, Schleichert, G. Train, Paul, Steele, Kemplay (sub. J. Train, half-time), Coach Ken Kotira.

VOTES: CROATIA: 3 Williams, 2 McArthur, 1 Symington.

SLAVIA: 3 Zanatta, 2 Steele, 1 Paul.

JOE MAJOR.

Lions 0.
Melbourne 2

(Bleskany 12, Pocock 51)

Playing the 4-2-4 formation for the first time this year, Melbourne won easily but the quality of its performance was poor.

And the Lions were pathetic.

It was one of those games in which weak opposition results in a casual attitude by the better team.

Perhaps the match would have been a little more entertaining had Steve Bleskany not been forced to retire after suffering a leg injury in the 23rd minute.

The tricky winger had been making fools of the Lions defenders and looked determined to bombard the goal, after he had opened Melbourne's account in the 12th minute following a solo run.

Lions looked good for the first five minutes, with Ricky van Zeist and Alax Napadowsky playing intelligently in attack but after Bleskany's goal, Johnny Wallace and Alistair Scott took control of midfield and the pattern changed.

It was Wallace's best game for many weeks.

But the man of the match was Melbourne left back Bill McGowan, who demoralised Jimmy Robertson and helped his forwards by continuously moving upfield.

Ray Pocock was the best of the strikers. Early he found it hard to pass Ian McCarthy, who spent most of his time in defence but as the game progressed, Pocock found at least six good scoring opportunities which he was unlucky not to convert.

There were no really good players in the Lions team but McCarthy must be given credit for his hard work and determined defending, despite his woeful distribution.

Late in the match, Lions shifted Tommy Rosewell into attack and pulled back van Zeist but it was no use. At times, it seemed the Lions players were taking a tea break.

During a five-minute period in the second half, Scott positioning himself on the left wing, unmarked, and sent countless crosses into the goal area without ever being checked.

LIONS: Tochel, Murray, McGuinness, Rosewell, Collinson, McCarthy, Napadowsky, Ingram, Robertson (sub. Dominy 75), van Zeist, Butler, Coach Stan Plekan.

MELBOURNE: Gerrard, McDaid, Juhasz, Szabo, McGowan, Scott, Wallace, Pinter, Pocock, Rogers, Bleskany (sub. Dobbing 52), Coach Zvonimir Rasic.

VOTES: LIONS: 3 McCarthy, 2 Collinson, 1 van Zeist.

MELBOURNE: 3 McGowan, 2 Juhasz, 1 Wallace.

FOOTSCRAY: 3 Cirkovic, 2 Buljevic, 1 Zoraja.

POLONIA: 3 Marmur, 2 Olinowski, 1 Kowalec.

JOE MAJOR.

LAURIE SCHWAB.

BIG CHANCE FOR SLAVIA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Slavia faces its most vital game of the season. If it beats Fitzroy at Olympic Park on Saturday, it will move off the bottom of the ladder and make sure of retaining its place in State League.

Slavia has the defence to keep the Fitzroy forwards scoreless. Tony Zanatta, Sandy Jones, Archie Shedden, Zoran Lazarevic and the deep-lying linkman have the power to nullify Jimmy Mangopoulos and Ron Brown - the only dangerous strikers.

currently the team's only effective forward.

The most likely outcome of this game is a draw, considering Ringwood's form during recent weeks.

HAKOAH v. LIONS
(Middle Pk., Sat.)

The trouble with writing previews every week is that you run out of things to say.

I've outlined in no uncertain terms how weak the Lions are and I've said how much Hakoah has improved, so what can I add?

Only that Keith Fry will make chopped meat of the subdued kittens and that John O'Neill will send them whimpering closer to the comfort of the First Division.

POLONIA v. RINGWOOD
(Maribyrnong, Sat.)

Like the Slavia v. Fitzroy game, this one looks likely to be dominated by defences.

Ringwood has the better forward line with Wim Spiekermann as dangerous as a Sherman tank.

But Mike Olinowski and Eddy Marmur have been starring in Polonia's rearguard and have enough talent to disarm him.

Polonia doesn't have much hope of scoring against Nick van Egmond, Dick Ward, Bobby Adam, Robert Bailey and Richard Bens, but if they do find an opening, it'll be via coach Kaz Kowalec who's

GEORGE CROSS v. CROATIA
(Schintler Res., Sun)

Despite Croatia's lucky escape from Slavia last week, it has the talent to beat an inconsistent George Cross.

Brian Williams has proved a menace to opposing defences although he is playing in defence himself.

His overlapping play has resulted in many goals and his fellow full back Ray Wixey plays the same style of game.

Add Jimmy Mackay in midfield and Billy Vojtek in attack and the poor

George Cross defence will be struggling.

Croatia's four-man wall of Wixey, Hugh Gunn, Bobby Symington and Williams, backed up by Mike Kovacek in goal, has conceded only 14 goals this season - less than any other State League club.

They won't suddenly fall in a heap against George Cross, despite prompting by Kevin Walker.

JUVENTUS v. FOOTSCRAY
(Olympic Pk., Sun.)

GTV9 will televise this match live and the station couldn't have picked a game with better potential.

During their last meeting, Juventus thrashed J.U.S.T. 3-0.

George Kinnell put Branko Buljevic and Slobodan Zoraja in his pocket and Tommy McColli did the rest.

So there's no reason why Juventus shouldn't win again.

But I think the result will be closer this time.

Buljevic and Zoraja are showing better form and Dragan Utjesenovic, from all reports, proved valuable in his first game as linkman last week.

Footscray's big problem will be its defence, which is too slow.

Also, its tip-tap style will be wrecked by that aggressive Juventus midfield pair Gareth Satisfury and Bernie Docherty, and by the powerful defenders.

MELBOURNE v. STH.MELBOURNE
(Middle Pk., Sun)

Following victories over Hakoah in the Dockerty Cup and George Cross in the League, South Melbourne and in particular, Jimmy Armstrong, have regained their confidence and look capable of beating second-placed Melbourne.

Armstrong will of course, have tougher opposition in Fabian Juhasz but newcomer Tommy Clark has the brawn and talent to be a lethal striker and could take over in attack if Melbourne pays too much attention to Armstrong.

The biggest threat to the South Melbourne goal will probably come from the brilliant Ray Pocock, one of the best players of the season.

But I don't think the Hellas defence will allow him to pass. Johnny Bedford and Steve Walker are both strong and reliable in the middle and David High and Alan Rutherford should blanket Melbourne's dangerous wings.

David Gorrie and Ernie Ackley have been playing consistently well in South Melbourne's midfield and they're the men who could decide the result.

But you can't underestimate Melbourne coach Zvonimir Rasic. He's just as likely to have a plan that will give Melbourne an easy victory.



Fitzroy goalkeeper John Kennedy is pushed off balance by Juventus striker Alistair Sandison during the duel at Olympic Park on Sunday.

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(Footscray)

MCGOWAN
(Melbourne)

GORRIE
(Sth.Melb.)

WALKER
(Geo Cross)

ZORAJA
(Footscray)

ARMSTRONG SPIEKERMANN
(Sth.Melb)

BULJEVIC
(Footscray)

COUNTRY AND DISTRICT

Ballarat, Geelong Latrobe Valley DISTRICT LEAGUE

Final of the Ballarat, Geelong and District Cup competition will be played at the Brinton's Carpet Factory ground, Geelong, on Sunday, September 13, 1970. Kick off. 2.30 p.m.

North Geelong will face Brinton's in what should be a great game. Destination of this year's cup is anyone's guess and a large crowd is expected on Sunday. On Saturday, at the same ground, two other cup finals will be decided at 1 p.m. - the talented

Corio under 17 team will face a tenacious and purposeful Redan for the Russell Butler under 17's cup.

At 3 p.m. another great game is expected when Geelong and North Geelong fight it out for the Reserves Cup.

Results of outstanding games:
FIRST DIVISION
Ballarat United 1 North Geelong 4
North Geelong w/o Ballarat United

UNDER 17
Corio 15's w/o Wendouree
LITTLE LEAGUE
Final of the Gomez Cup under 14's: Barwon Tigers 2, Norlane T. Birds 1

UNDER 12 FINAL
Newcombe Blue Birds 3 Barwon Saints 0

JUNIORS

UNDER 10	Waverley 0 Melbourne 4 Melbourne 2 Frankston 1.
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UNDER 16	Eitham 0 Alexander 2.

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Fortuna 2 Bairnsdale 1, Pegasus 3
Rangers 2, Falcons 2 Monash 0.

RESERVES

Newborough 1 Traralgon 2
Falcons 2 Monash 2, Pegasus 3
Rangers 0, Fortuna 3 Bairnsdale 1.
RAAF 1.

SENIORS

Warragul 2 Pegasus 5
Traralgon 2 Falcons 0.

RESERVES

H. Douglas Trophy
Semi-Final
Warragul 1 Pegasus 2.
Traralgon 0 Fortuna 2.

UNDER 14's

Falcons 0 Monash 2, Pegasus 3
Rangers, no result. Moe 2
Warragul 4 Fortuna 0, Bairnsdale 3.
Newborough 7 Traralgon 0.
Yallourn 6 Churchill 0.

UNDER 12's

Moe 2 Pegasus 0, Fortuna 1
Bairnsdale 7, Newborough 6
Monash 1, Wanders 0 Rangers 2.
Traralgon 4 Warragul 0, Yallourn 1.
Whites 0 Yall-Reds 2, Maryvale - bye.

UNDER 10's

Falcons 2 Rangers 0, Traralgon 0
Yallourn 2, Newborough 5
Monash 1, Celtic 0 Churchill 4.
Maryvale 4 Fortuna 4, Moe 4.
Warragul 1.

The Battle of Britain Cup final will be held at Ronald Reserve, Vary St., Morwell on Saturday September 12. Reserves: Rangers v. Newborough, kick off 12.45. Seniors: Traralgon v. Newborough, kick off 2.45.

SENIORS

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JUNIORS WIN TWO TITLES

"It was the defence which won the tournament for us," said Peter Palmer, "many Sydney people said they had never seen a better defence in a junior team."

Much of the credit for the under 14's success must go to coach Bill Curran, for moulding the team and making it the best under 14 outfit in the country.

The final placings in the competition were 1. Victoria, 2. Sutherland, 3. Queensland, 4. St. George, 5. Western Australia, 6. South Australia, 7. Tasmania.

Organiser of the tournament was the Sutherland Shire Junior Soccer Association, which has no less than 6000 registered junior players.

On its way to the title, Victoria beat Tasmania 6-0, South Australia 3-0, Western Australia 6-0, Queensland 5-1, Sutherland 4-0 and 1-0 in the final.

Ironically, the final was Victoria's worst game.

"It was nerves more than anything," said Palmer, "but it's good for the boys to get this experience when they're young."



Zvonimir Rasic

The basic line-up, was: Tsivaglou, Williams, Xanthopoulos, Bonzikas, Mukavec, Roberts, Lucchesi, Sabidussi, Hamill, Pongho, Ristovski. Sabidussi alternated between midfield and attack.

Best players were Bruno Sabidussi, Claude Lucchesi, Alan Williams and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

Top scorers were Pongho 6, Hamill 5, Lucchesi 4 and Sabidussi 4.

The under 16's beat NSW 2-1, Western Australia 3-0, Northern NSW 2-1, A.C.T. 5-0, South Australia 2-0 and NSW 2-1 in the final.

Final goal average was 14:2.

Scorers

Scorers were Aris Seramidis 3, Andrew Segi 3, Joe Palinkas 3, Manny Spiteri 2, Frank Mussell 2 and Fausto Tarquinio.

Outstanding player of the tournament was Ringwood United's Benny

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VICTORIA'S Under 16's - Back: Gordon Culbard (assistant manager), Gordon McKellar, George Melettis, Philip Cutajar, Con Vasiladis, Fausto Tarquinio, Benny de Bruykere, Ian Young, Aris Seramidis, Peter Ferranti. Front: Ron Hortiniak, Joe Palinkas, Andrew Segi, Manny Spiteri, Frank Mussells, Chris Guz, Michael Ristic.

de Bruykere, son of former Dutch international and Wilhelmina star Mike de Bruykere, who together with Ken Kontra, helped Rasic coach the side.

"deBruykere stood head and shoulders above the others," said Rasic, "and he is definitely a World Cup prospect for 1974."

He and Mullen of NSW were voted the best players of the competition, and each was awarded a pair of Adidas football boots.

Peter Ferrante was the best goalkeeper of the tournament, said Rasic. Other good performances came from Vasiladis against S.A., Tarquinio against NSW, SA and Northern NSW, Hortiniak against S.A., Seramidis against SA and W.A., Spiteri against A.C.T., Mussell against ACT and WA, Melettis in all games and Segi against Northern NSW.

Rasic's basic team, in a 1-3-3-3 formation was: Ferrante; Melettis; Vasiladis, de Bruykere, McKellar; Seramidis, Tarquinio, Mussell; Segi, Palinkas, Spiteri.

Palinkas missed two games because of an injury but he came back in a blaze of glory to score the winning goal in the final.



Peter Ferrante

While he was out, Seramidis played as a striker and Ron Hortiniak came in as linkman.

Other players to have games were Chris Guz, Mike Ristic and Ian Young.

Rasic said the main factor in Victoria's success was fitness.

"We were the fittest team in the tournament," he said. "We were running NSW into the ground during the last half hour of the final."

"We also had the best team work. The team performed brilliantly as a unit."

"Only six months ago I was willing to call the whole thing off. I couldn't see the players achieving anything with the approach they had."

"But then the VSF gave us more assistance. We had training twice a week for two months, practice matches at Olympic Park and we began to get great co-operation from the boys. Gordon McKellar travelled all the way from Melbourne to come to training."

Instructions

Rasic gave his team special instructions before the final.

"We decided to try to win the game in midfield, where we were strongest, so we played fast counter-attacks and it paid dividends."

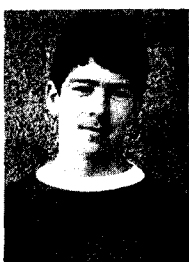
"Also we didn't allow the opponents to play the ball, because individually they were better than our boys."

"We lined up in a 1-4-2-3 formation, using double marking, with Melettis as sweeper, Mussell was on Mullen and Seramidis on the other linkman."

"NSW had the edge in the first half, but we dominated the second half."

Rasic paid tribute to Gordon Culbard. "He acted like a father to the boys and I can't give him enough credit," he said.

Rasic also praised S.A. officials for their superb organisation of the carnival.



Arthur Xanthopoulos

Soccer News says...

Victoria's juniors proved last week that they alone will determine the future of soccer in this State.

So it is up to the Victorian Soccer Federation to make sure this future holds success.

Good administration and above all, good coaching has given Victoria its first under 16 national championship as well as the under 14 Bi-Centenary title in Sydney.

It proves what can be done with the right approach and it is self-evident that this approach must be maintained, if not improved even further.

By taking the under 16's to victory, national coach Zvonimir Rasic proved that only the best available men must be appointed to coach our State junior teams.

Bill Curran of the under 14's is also a capable man and the results of his coaching speak for themselves.

Clubs should also take a lead here - it is of no benefit to appoint unqualified people as junior coaches.

The only effect it has is to ruin the players. If they are taught incorrectly at an early age, they won't be able to rectify their faults when they become eligible for senior competition.

Naturally there is a difficulty in obtaining good coaches, but at least the men appointed should be former players and should be forced to gain a coaching certificate.

Most clubs have a wealth of

potential coaches in their senior playing ranks. These men must be retained.

But above all, there must be a natural progression from juniors to seniors. This is something Victoria does not have.

Our club competition ends in the under 17 group which comprises only a handful of teams.

For all practical purposes, juniors are left stranded once they are too old for the under 16's.

And if they're not good enough for the reserves, naturally they quit the game and turn to another sport.

Thousands of players have been lost to soccer in this way.

Part of the solution is forming under 18, under 20 and if necessary under 23 competitions so that players can continue to develop.

Certainly we must have State teams in these age groups and we must provide them with competition.

To add even more incentive, there must be a national under 23 team for which matches could be arranged in our neighboring countries.

It would probably be more beneficial to arrange a tour for such a team instead of for our national squad.

Willmer answers charges

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"Referring to the article accusing the Tribunal (Metropolitan I, and D. Committee) of being unjust it should be pointed out that all of the Disciplinary Committees of the Federation attend Soccer House on specific evenings and consider various cases, the reports for which are not circulated to committee members or discussed by them prior to the actual consideration of the case."

"The statement that the decision had already been made, casts an unwarranted reflection on the Committee and indeed on Soccer House Staff who must spend considerable time in preparing and recording documents, a tedious and not always tasteful job for the ladies, who are the first to sight them."

"The inference that the cases are pre-judged is therefore not only as distasteful as many of the cases but shows a lack of knowledge of the administration of the Disciplinary Committees."

"As Federation Secretary I disassociate myself from this type of comment in Soccer News. The space could be put to better use."

"While on the subject, I feel that the attack on the referees went 'over the hill'."

"Criticism of ability and knowledge backed at

times by verbal and physical threats has become almost philosophically acceptable to the man in the middle but questioning his ethics is a little bit much."

No revenge for Croydon

A few weeks ago, in a Cup quarter final, Croydon became the first and only team to score against Melbourne's under 12's.

The game finished 3-2 in favor of Melbourne, and Croydon challenged Melbourne to a return match on a drier ground.

That match was staged on Sunday and Melbourne left no doubts about its supremacy, winning 16-0.

Melbourne's under 11's at the weekend beat Frankston City 2-1 to give the club its third premiership.

Other titles have gone to the under 12's and under 13's.

21-20 win by Altona

Twenty-one to 20 - that's what Altona's under 13's beat Elwood Austria by in a junior knock-out competition at Mt. Gambier on Sunday.

Austria led 1-0 until a few minutes from time, when Altona equalised.

Penalties were called for to decide the result, but after 20 shots each, the score was still tied at 20-20.

So they went into 10 minutes of extra time, and Altona finally clinched the winner.

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Melbourne	19	12	4	3	39	16	28			
Footscray	19	10	5	4	37	25	25			
Croatia	18	9	5	4	31	14	23			
Sth. Melb.	18	7	8	5	27	20	22			
Ringwood	18	7	8	5	26	22	21			
Polonia	17	7	4	8	30	34	18			
Hakoah	19	6	6	7	35	32	18			
G. Cross	19	5	5	9	31	15	15			
Fitzroy	19	4	3	12	24	42	11			
Lions	19	1	1	13	19	54	7			
Slavia	19	0	0	13	8	9	0			

SECOND DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Frankston	19	14	2	1	41	17	30			
Waverley	19	12	2	5	35	17	26			
Coburg	19	12	3	4	45	19	27			
Yallourn	19	11	3	5	38	23	25			
Brighton	19	11	1	7	45	22	23			
Moreland	19	10	3	6	30	26	23			
Albion	19	10	2	7	36	20	22			
Green Gully	19	9	3	7	30	23	21			
Princes Pk.	19	9	3	6	27	42	21			
Maribyrnong	19	9	2	14	20	37	8			
Sandriham	19	8	2	13	18	71	8			
Oakleigh	16	1	1	14	7	70	3			

THIRD DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Box Hill	18	11	4	3	33	16	26			
Preston	19	10	4	5	39	24	24			
Sunshine	19	9	5	5	37	22	23			
Dandenong	19	8	4	3	36	25	22			
Elwood	19	8	4	3	32	25	22			
Altona	19	8	3	8	36	30	19			
Kellor	18	6	6	6	32	21	18			
Springvale	19	7	4	8	31	28	18			
Ringwood	19	8	1	10	32	52	17			
Pradhan	19	6	3	10	31	42	15			
St. Albans	18	4	4	10	16	52	12			
Richmond	19	1	2	16	13	52	4			

FOURTH DIVISION										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Yallourn	19	15	3	1	11	26	33			
Coburg	20	10	6	4	48	22	26			
Frankston	19	8	6	4	37	19	24			
Gm. Gully	19	10	4	5	38	24	24			
Albion	19	10	3	6	40	26	23			
Waverley	20	9	3	9	35	40	20			
F. Park	20	8	3	9	34	19	19			
Moreland	21	5	9	7	32	33	19			
S. D'ringham	21	7	4	10	36	57	18			
Brighton	19	4	9	15	35	14	17			
Maribyrnong	19	5	4	10	23	55	14			
Oakleigh	20	—	—	—	—	—	—			

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Elwood	19	8	4	3	32	25	22			
Altona	19	8	3	8	36	30	19			
Kellor	18	6	6	6	32	21	18			
Springvale	19	7	4	8	31	28	18			
Ringwood	19	8	1	10	32	52	17			
Pradhan	19	6	3	10	31	42	15			
St. Albans	18	4	4	10	16	52	12			
Richmond	19	1	2	16	13	52	4			

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Yallourn	19	15	3	1	11	26	33			
Coburg	20	10	6	4	48	22	26			
Frankston	19	8	6	4	37	19	24			
Gm. Gully	19	10	4	5	38	24	24			
Albion	19	10	3	6	40	26	23			
Waverley	20	9	3	9	35	40	20			
F. Park	20	8	3	9	34	19	19			
Moreland	21	5	9	7	32	33	19			
S. D'ringham	21	7	4	10	36	57	18			
Brighton	19	4	9	15	35	14	17			
Maribyrnong	19	5	4	10	23	55	14			
Oakleigh	20	—	—	—	—	—	—			

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Preston	19	10	4	5	39	24	24			
Sunshine	19	9	5	5	37	22	23			
Dandenong	19	8	4	3	36	25	22			
Elwood	19	8	4	3	32	25	22			
Altona	19	8	3	8	36	30	19			
Kellor	18	6	6	6	32	21	18			
Springvale	19	7	4	8	31	28	18			
Ringwood	19	8	1	10	32	52	17			
Pradhan	19	6	3	10	31	42	15			
St. Albans	18	4	4	10	16	52	12			
Richmond	19	1	2	16	13	52	4			

FOURTH DIVISION RESERVES										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Yallourn	19	15	3	1	11	26	33			
Coburg	20	10	6	4	48	22	26			
Frankston	19	8	6	4	37	19	24			
Gm. Gully	19	10	4	5	38	24	24			
Albion	19	10	3	6	40	26	23			
Waverley	20	9	3	9	35	40	20			
F. Park	20	8	3	9	34	19	19			
Moreland	21	5	9	7	32	33	19			
S. D'ringham	21	7	4	10	36	57	18			
Brighton	19	4	9	15	35	14	17			
Maribyrnong	19	5	4	10	23	55	14			
Oakleigh	20	—	—	—	—	—	—			

THIRDS										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Dandenong	19	15	2	2	90	31	32			
Hakoah	19	14	2	2	89	20	31			
Frankston	19	14	1	5	45	28	29			
Waverley	20	13	2	5	60	32	28			
Mooraabbin	20	10	—	10	43	20	20			
Brighton	19	10	—	7	34	46	20			
Mooraabbin	18	8	—	10	47	46	16			
Croydon	18	8	—	10	38	46	16			
Doncaster	17	7	—	10	32	50	15			
Clayton	16	3	—	13	33	55	8			
University	19	2	—	16	20	94	8			
Clayton G.B.	20	1	—	18	14	51	3			



Ernie Acklerley climbs over Joe Makin to head goalwards during Sunday's South Melbourne v. George Cross clash at Middle Park. Jimmy Armstrong lurks in the background.

MANCHESTER MAY TOUR

Manchester United has been asked by the Australian Soccer Federation to tour Australia in 1972.

United was here in 1968 and its tour was a great success. However, the ASF's ability to arrange the tour may depend upon how many United players are selected for the European Nations Cup. Promoters in Sydney have also offered tours by Benfica of Portugal and Olario Athletic of Brazil but the costs for these two appear too high.

Benfica, the club Eusebio plays for, wants \$15,000 a match. The Olario offer has been referred by the ASF to the States which have so far shown insufficient interest. To meet the \$US40,000 cost, at least eight matches have to be staged.

Wade may hold seminar here
Alan Wade, England's director of coaching, has offered to hold a coaching seminar in Adelaide in February. The Australian Soccer Federation is investigating ways of financing the visit. It is likely that the Rothman's Foundation will meet some of the expenses. But additional costs will be involved in flying coaches to Adelaide from all over Australia. Examinations for the national coaching certificate will be held as part of the seminar. Wade would also be available to visit other States the way FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer did this year.

Stars will leave

Three star State League players -- John O'Neill and Keith Fry of Hakoah and Joe Zurawski of Polonia -- will leave Australia at the end of the season.

O'Neill, who won the Argus Medal last year, is returning to his native Ireland and is uncertain whether he will come back. In Britain he will do the F.A. coaching course. O'Neill has been the backbone of Hakoah this year and at 33, is still one of the top defenders in Victoria.

Fry, a long serving player with Hakoah, has recently hit top form and is partly responsible for the team's great improvement. It is unlikely he will come back to Australia. Zurawski has completed his two-year contract period with Polonia. He will leave for Poland as soon as he gets his passport. Zurawski played most of his games for Polonia as centre back but this season he made a few appearances in attack.

Tour is test

Australia's national team might go overseas every year if the proposed world tour in October and November is successful.

Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian le Fevre said this week:

"If we are well received during the tour and if the type of soccer we play brings new invitations, it is possible that we may continue going overseas to prepare for the 1974 World Cup." To make this year's tour possible, the ASF is getting match fee guarantees totalling over \$35,000. Mr. le Fevre said this would be enough to pay air fares and general expenses. Accommodation costs will be met by host countries.

Elsternwick to disband?

District League club Elsternwick may disband. The players will hold a meeting this week to decide the club's future. Secretary and ex J.U.S.T. star Gnya Kostromlin reports his players are fed-up with the roughhouse tactics and "win at all cost" attitudes adopted by other clubs within the Western Division. Mr. Kostromlin also said that incompetent referees were responsible for much of the violence in games. Things were brought to a head last week against Laverton when the Elsternwick players walked off the field after the referee had awarded a goal against them, which allegedly missed the target by at least a yard.

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